



Alberta Field Lacrosse Association
2023-2024 Year in Review
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This past season proved to be a successful one for the most part. We had some new volunteers join our board and had a good turnout at our planning meeting with some great ideas. We planned to have an All-Star game at the end of the season and had a committee created to take the reigns. With the busyness of the season and not having a secured budget in place, the plan slipped through the cracks, however at the end of the season and after a few of the clubs' and parents' requests, we quickly put together a plan and executed both U15 and U17 Male Field lacrosse All-Star games.

The weekend saw two games per age division with a mix of the different clubs, a hot dog and drink ticket for each player/coach and a t-shirt vendor making custom All Star t-shirts. All in all it was a successful day and we are hoping to include more age groups and the female division next year.

We are also going to discuss the possibility of bringing back Provincials next season-stay tuned.

After roughly 5 years of not having the ability to provide teams for the summer, AFLA parted ways with Chaos lacrosse with the understanding that if they were to get all of their paperwork done and recruitment of players long before the season as well as having a secure board of directors, we could potentially have them join us once again.

We had three successful field day weekend again this year at Mclean fields in Red Deer. There were a couple of hiccups with officiating and not being informed what rules we were playing by at U7 and U9, but we were able to fix that for the final field day. Officiating was well run for all the other field day weekends. Thanks to Marty for directing all the Officials and being an excellent mentor.

We are going to revamp our bylaws and regulations and ensure that our website says the same thing as our bylaws, rules and regulations.

We are still need of a secretary and that proved to be a bit of a challenge when it came to scheduling for this season however, we all seemed to pull together to ensure everything ran as smoothly as possible.

Having the U17 and U19 Men's Nationals was a highlight of the summer and allowed a lot of people to be exposed to the game. It was great to see the U19 Men's team back. I truly hope we can continue to field that age group. Both teams fought hard for the bronze medal.

The Women's U19 team did exceptionally well at Nationals beating Ontario for the first time in

history. BC is still a huge contender and always amazing competition for our ladies. The team came home from Manitoba with a silver medal from the Jenny Kyle Cup.